

JUDGE LINN'S CHARGE

TO THE Grand Jury, August Term, 1861.

GENTLEMEN OF THE GRAND JURY:-

We enter upon the discharge of our official duties today under very solemn and impressive circumstances. Since the last term of this court, events have occurred in the history of our National Government of the most serious and startling character.

But, as has already been intimated, there are misapprehensions of a positive nature, some of which are grave misdemeanors, and may, like treason or misprision of treason, be offences against State or Federal authority as the case may be.

The positive misapprehensions which concern our present inquiry and of which we shall now proceed to speak, are such as involve an attempt to weaken the strong arm of civil power, or a contempt of lawful authority.

When we consider the magnitude of the rebellion, the vast territory which has been occupied in diligent and systematic preparation for this attempt to overthrow the government—the number and the character of the individuals concerned in it—the object and purposes which, as we have reason to believe, have long been secretly meditated and now being openly and defiantly avowed—

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the State wherein it was committed, but where, as in the present instance, war is waged against the Federal Government, the Federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction.

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Each of the press" as used in the Constitution? The framers of that instrument evidently recognized it as a well defined, pre-existing right, or they declare that it shall not be abridged.

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personal right. Much excitement prevails in many parts of the country because of the apparent sympathy manifested by certain newspapers and public journals with the rebels, and in some places printing presses and the contents of printing offices have been destroyed by a resort to violence and mob rule.

Such proceedings are a direct violation of the rights of the citizen in a mass of confusion and obscurity. At the time of the adoption of the constitution, in 1787, when the freedom of the press was spoken of, the people understood exactly what it meant—its boundaries were well marked, and have continued so to this day.

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and formally presented to the court. It is your duty to present all violations of this act, as well as all other known offences against the criminal law, but we should be careful that no act that is done in this behalf should spring merely from political preferences from any selfish, sinister or other unworthy motive, but that every such discharge of what is always an unpleasant duty, should be solely in vindication of the honor and authority of the State and the Nation.

Letter from Richmond, Va. We publish below a letter from one of the Centre County prisoners, now at Richmond, Va. It will give pleasure to their friends to know that they are well cared for.

DEAR PARENTS:—I seat myself this morning, to inform you of my present situation. We are now in Richmond, as prisoners—44 in number out of our Company. I am in good health, as ever, and feel well, and inside, we are treated here with the utmost of kindness. We get plenty to eat, and it is good at that, and we are all well cared for.

I hope this may find you all enjoying good health. I ask of you not to be alarmed as to our situation. We are, indeed, well cared for. Nothing more.

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS.—The company about to be organized for the service by Lieut. Wm. L. Rappin and Sergeant James Hughes, is fast filling its ranks, and has announced next Tuesday as the time of its departure. These gentlemen, having served in the three months' service, are known to be qualified to assume command, and lead to victory all that may enlist under them.

FIRE.—The residence of Mr. Jacob Ballot, on Buffalo Run, a short distance above this place, was entirely consumed by fire on Wednesday last. There being nobody at home at the time but his wife and two small children, but a small portion of his household goods were rescued from the flames.

If you want something good to eat, go to H. D. Ruble, under the Conrad House, where you can get Oysters, Sardines, Eels, Fresh Fish, Rabbit, Chicken Soup, Barbecued Chick, Peasants and anything else your appetite may crave.

MARRIED. On the 5th inst., by D. H. Feager Esq., Mr. William Oliver to Mrs. Margaret Green both of Shrewsbury Tp.

REPORTED FOR THE WATCHMAN. Bellefonte Markets. White Wheat... 12.00 Bacon... 12 Red... 10 Butter... 10

ORPHAN'S COURT SALES. By virtue of an order of the Orphan's Court of Centre County, will be exposed to public sale on the premises

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 1861. at 10 o'clock A.M. the following described real estate situated in Walker township, about 4 miles below Hubersburg, Centre county, into the property of John Beck, dec'd., bounded and described as follows:

Another tract of land adjoining lands of Jonathan Phillips, Joseph Swyer, Daniel Pealer, Jacob Lutz and others, containing Four acres, all cleared and in good order, on which is erected a dwelling house, stable and other out buildings—

Let number five of timber land containing about eight acres, bounded by lands of James Marple, Frederick Markle, Dinges' heirs and William Fowles.

TERMS OF SALE. One third of the purchase money to remain charged upon the land for the widow, to be secured by bond and mortgage on the premises, the interest thereof to be paid annually to the widow during her life, and at her death to pay the principal of the said bond and mortgage to the heirs and legal representatives of John Beck, dec'd.—and one half of the remaining two thirds to be paid on confirmation of sale, and the residue in one year with interest from the date possession is given, so secured by bond and mortgage on the premises.

LIME! LIME!! LIME!!! The subscriber respectfully informs the public that he has erected a Lime Kiln near the Borough of Bellefonte, where he is making lime of superior quality—which is acknowledged to be as white and pure as the Vermont lime. All he asks is to give it a trial, and he is satisfied the purchaser will come back again.

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NOTICE. All persons knowing themselves indebted to the late firm of Seely and Barnhart, former publishers of this paper, are hereby notified that unless immediate attention be given to the settling of their accounts, costs will be imposed. The indebtedness of the said firm will be paid by the undersigned, in whose hands the books and accounts are placed for collection, and to whom all outstanding accounts must be paid. J. S. BARNHART.

TO THE INDEPENDENT VOTERS OF CENTRE COUNTY. I respectfully offer myself for your consideration as an Independent Candidate for the office of County Treasurer, of Centre County, at the ensuing general election. I elected, I hereby pledge myself to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability, and to contribute to one half of the annual per centage accruing to said office for his services, to the Soldier's Relief Fund. For the faithful performance of all which I am prepared to render to the authorities the most ample security. JACKSON LEVY. Mifflensburg, Aug. 15th, 1861.